



MAIL STOP
AMENDMENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: D.R. Meldrum et al. Attorney Docket No.: UWOTL126696
Application No.: 10/698,234 Art Unit: 1743 / Confirmation No: 2313
Filed: October 30, 2003 Examiner: N.A. Levkovich
Title: PREPARATION OF SAMPLES AND SAMPLE EVALUATION

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER/
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

June 29, 2006

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is Amendment A with its attached Declaration of Inventors Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, in the above-identified application. Also attached is Exhibit A, which is a true and correct copy of the relevant portions of the Research Plan as set forth in the Declaration of Inventors.

X 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	24	-	25	=	0	x	25	=	0
Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0	x	100	=	0
TOTAL									\$0

B. Petition for Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated January 3, 2006, set to expire on April 3, 2006, be extended by 3 months, to expire on July 3, 2006. The enclosed check includes the 3-month extension fee of \$10.00 or \$510.

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C. Fees Enclosed

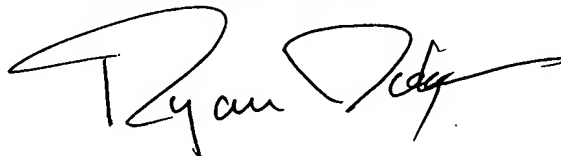
Enclosed is our Check No. 171181 in the amount of \$510 to cover the request for extension of time.

D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service in a sealed envelope as first-class mail with postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to **Mail Stop Amendment**, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the below date.

Date: June 29, 2006 Ryan E. Dodge, Jr.

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